

# Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

# §51.1440

## §51.1438 Size classifications for pieces.

The size of pecan pieces in a lot may be specified in accordance with one of the size classifications shown in Table II.

TABLE II

Size classification	Maximum diameter (will pass through round opening of following diameter)	Minimum diameter (will not pass through round opening of following diameter) (inch)
Mammoth pieces ...	No limitation .....	8/16
Extra large pieces ..	9/16 inch .....	7/16
Halves and pieces	No limitation .....	5/16
Large pieces .....	9/16 inch .....	5/16
Medium pieces .....	5/16 inch .....	3/16
Small pieces .....	4/16 inch .....	2/16
Midget pieces .....	3/16 inch .....	1/16
Granules .....	2/16 inch .....	1/16

(a) In lieu of the size classifications in Table II, the size of pieces in a lot may be specified in terms of minimum diameter, or as a range described in terms of minimum and maximum diameters expressed in sixteenths or sixty-fourths of an inch.

(b) Tolerances for size of pieces: In order to allow for variations incident to proper sizing, tolerances are provided for pieces in a lot which fail to meet the requirements of any size specified. The tolerances, by weight, are shown in Table III.

TABLE III  
[Percent]

Size classification	Total tolerance for offsize pieces	Tolerance (included in total tolerance) for pieces smaller than	
		2/16	1/16-inch
Mammoth pieces .....	15	1	.....
Extra large pieces .....	15	1	.....
Halves and pieces .....	15	1	.....
Large pieces .....	15	1	.....
Medium pieces .....	15	2	.....
Small pieces .....	15	2	.....
Midget pieces .....	15	.....	2
Granules .....	15	.....	5
Other specified size .....	15	1	.....

## TOLERANCES FOR DEFECTS

## §51.1439 Tolerances for defects.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling in

each of the foregoing grades, the following tolerances, by weight, are provided as specified:

(a) U.S. No. 1 Halves, U.S. No. 1 Halves and Pieces, and U.S. No. 1 Pieces grades:

(1) 0.05 percent for shell, center wall, and foreign material;

(2) 3 percent for portions of kernels which are “dark amber” or darker color, or darker than any specified lighter color classification but which are not otherwise defective; and,

(3) 3 percent for portions of kernels which fail to meet the remaining requirements of the grade, including therein not more than 0.50 percent for defects causing serious damage: *Provided*, That any unused portion of this tolerance may be applied to increase the tolerance for kernels which are “dark amber” or darker color, or darker than any specified lighter color classification.

(b) U.S. Commercial Halves, U.S. Commercial Halves and Pieces, and U.S. Commercial Pieces grades:

(1) 0.15 percent for shell, center wall, and foreign material;

(2) 25 percent for portions of kernels which are “dark amber” or darker color, or darker than any specified lighter color classification, but which are not otherwise defective; and,

(3) 8 percent for portions of kernels which fail to meet the remaining requirements of the grade, including therein not more than 1 percent for defects causing serious damage.

## APPLICATION OF STANDARDS

## §51.1440 Application of standards.

The grade of a lot of shelled pecans shall be determined on the basis of a composite sample drawn at random from containers in various locations in the lot. However, any identifiable container or number of containers in which the pecans are obviously of a quality or size materially different from that in the majority of containers, shall be considered as a separate lot, and shall be sampled and graded separately.